

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled).

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended): ~~The picture phone device claimed in claim 2, further comprising:~~ A picture-phone device for an operator to exchange images and voices with the party on the other end via a communication circuit, comprising:

an imaging portion;

an image display portion;

means for guiding the operator's line of sight toward said imaging portion, the means for guiding the operator's line of sight comprising indicating means for giving indications to the operator for guiding the operator's line of sight; and

control means for controlling indicating means in response to a result of whether the picture-phone is in use or not according to a voice input signal output from a microphone.

4. (previously presented): The picture-phone device claimed in claim 3, wherein said indicating means is a light flashing system for guiding the operator's line of sight by light emission.

5. (previously presented): The picture-phone device claimed in claim 4, wherein the light flashing system is provided near the imaging portion.

6. through 11. (cancelled).

12. (currently amended): ~~The picture-phone device claimed in claim 11, further comprising:~~ A picture-phone device for an operator to exchange images and voices with the party on the other end via a communication circuit, comprising:

an imaging portion;

an image display portion comprising an inner display field and an outer frame portion, wherein the imaging portion is disposed with respect to the outer frame portion;

means for guiding the operator's line of sight toward said imaging portion, the means for guiding the operator's line of sight comprising indicating means for giving indications to the operator for guiding the operator's line of sight; and

control means for controlling said indicating means in response to a result of whether the picture-phone is in use or not according to a voice input signal output from a microphone.

13. (previously presented): The picture-phone device claimed in claim 12, wherein said indicating means is a light flashing system for guiding the operator's line of sight by light emission.

14. (previously presented): The picture-phone device claimed in claim 12, wherein said indicating means is a caption outputting system for projecting a special visual image in order to guide the operator's line of sight.

15. (previously presented): The picture phone device claimed in claim 14, wherein the special visual image is one of the following: an arrow, a variation of characters, patterns or backgrounds in order to guide the operator's line of sight.

16. (cancelled).

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended): ~~The picture-phone device claimed in claim 17, further comprising:~~
A picture-phone device for an operator to exchange images and voices with the party on the other end via a communication circuit, comprising:
an imaging portion;

an image display portion comprising an inner display field and an outer frame portion,
wherein the imaging portion is disposed behind the inner display field;

means for guiding the operator's line of sight toward said imaging portion, the means for
guiding the operator's line of sight comprising indicating means for giving indications to the
operator for guiding the operator's line of sight; and

control means for controlling said indicating means in response to a result of whether the picture-phone is in use or not according to a voice input signal output from a microphone.

19. (previously presented): The picture-phone device claimed in claim 18, wherein said indicating means is a light flashing system for guiding the operator's line of sight by light emission.

20. (previously presented): The picture-phone device claimed in claim 18, wherein said indicating means is a caption outputting system for projecting a special visual image in order to guide the operator's line of sight.

21. (previously presented): The picture phone device claimed in claim 20, wherein the special visual image is one of the following: an arrow, a variation of characters, patterns or backgrounds in order to guide the operator's line of sight.